

## No Better Way - Outline

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There is a profound verse nested in Proverbs chapter 11.

*The fruit of the righteous is like a tree producing life, and **the one who wins souls is wise.** (Proverbs 11:30, NET)*

### Why is it wise to win souls?

By winning souls we obey Jesus final command to his followers.

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. (Matthew 28:19–20a, NLT)*

By winning souls we partner with the ultimate purpose of the Father.

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16, NLT)*

By winning souls we are making our world a better place in the here and now.

*The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God’s great blessing was upon them all.*

*There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need. (Acts 4:33–35, NLT)*

When our world turns upside down our instinct is to insulate, but our mandate is to infiltrate.

By winning souls we are saving people from what Jesus called the fiery furnace.

*The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels. (Matthew 13:39, NLT)*

*“Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.*

*And the angels will throw them into **the fiery furnace**, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

*Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand! (Matthew 13:40–43, NLT)*

*“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away.*

*That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, throwing the wicked into **the fiery furnace**, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

*Do you understand all these things?” “Yes,” they said, “we do.” (Matthew 13:47–51, NLT)*

This truth was for the disciples and not for the crowds.

*Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, “Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field.” (Matthew 13:36, NLT)*

By winning souls we are keeping our own hearts soft to the needs of our community and in touch with the heart of God.

### **So how are we planning to win souls together?**

1. Continue meeting in small groups all around our city.
2. Invite our friends and neighbors into a Sunday-morning space that feels like a home away from home.
3. Drop-in prayer ministry every Sunday morning.
4. Open up more space for people to join us to hear the gospel and worship Jesus.

New service times will be 8:45, 10 and 11:20

5. Offer Alpha course every Sunday morning to teach people the basics of the Christian faith.

### **Final thoughts:**

*“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. (Matthew 12:30, NIV)*

We can't do this alone. But we can do this together.